

INK ASSIST AIR KNIFE

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In operating an inkjet printing mechanism, media passes through a printzone
5 including a support apparatus supporting the media thereat. When passing through the
printzone, print imaging is applied by application of ink from an ink dispensing element
and onto a surface of the media. The method includes directing an airflow at the media
surface, the airflow including a first directional component away from the printzone and a
second directional component onto the media surface thereby urging the media against
10 the support apparatus.

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